31st July 1962]

SRI S. K. SAMBANDAM : Why not this Government think of increasing the number of seats in the Assembly ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This Government do not believe in it, and I have no doubt that the Legislature does not believe in increasing the number of members.

*Old age pension*

*162 Q.—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR AND VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received districtwar under the Old Age Pension Scheme as on 1st May 1962; and

(b) the number disposed of and the amount disbursed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :

(a) :

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| Chingleput ... ... ... ... | 2,261 |
| South Arcot ... ... ... | 2 |
| North Arcot ... ... ... ... | 9,256 |
| Thanjavur ... ... ... | 6,909 |
| Tiruchirappalli ... ... ... | 7,165 |
| Tirunelveli ... ... ... ... | 12,581 |
| Madurai ... ... ... ... | 9,607 |
| Ramanathapuram ... ... ... | 11,937 |
| Coimbatore ... ... ... | 11,459 |
| Salem ... ... ... ... | 10,958 |
| Nilgiris ... ... ... ... | 874 |
| Madras ... ... ... ... | 3,247 |
| Kanyakumari ... ... ... | 4,634 |
| Total ... | 90,890 |

(b) The total number of cases disposed of as on 1st May 1962 is 1,215. This includes 804 applications rejected.

As the old age pension scheme took effect only from 1st April 1962, the first monthly payment of the pension would have been made only on or after 1st May 1962 and the amount disbursed during the month of May will be available only sme time later.

வித்துவான் டி. முத்துக்கண்ணப்பன் : எந்தெந்தத் தகுதிகளை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு இந்தப் பென்ஷன் உதவித்தொகை அளிக்கப்படுகிறது ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம்: அது முன்பே விளக்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறது. மறுபடியும் அதைப் படிக்கிறேன் :

Destitute of 65 years of age and over and destitutes of 60 years of age and over who are incapacitated to earn a living due to blindness, leprosy, insanity, paralysis or loss of limb, are eligible for the grant of pension under this scheme. Under the rules governing the scheme, a destitute is defined as a person without any income or source of income, and who has no relatives of 20 years of age and over of the following categories :—

(i) Son;

(ii) Son's son ; and

(iii) Husband/wife :

Provided that—

(i) a person will be deemed to be a destitute if all the relatives falling within the categories specified above are—

(*a*) themselves without any income or source of income, such a fact being proved to the satisfaction of the sanctioning authority ; and

(*b*) continuously missing and the sanctioning authority has satisfied himself by such enquiry as he deems necessary that the relatives are so missing ; and

(ii) a person will be deemed to be a destitute if the wife has attained the age of 55 years or over.

Where both the wife and the husband are destitutes according to the definition, each of them will be eligible for a pension if they have no other living relatives of the categories specified above.

Professional beggars and mendicants shall not be considered to be destitutes. But persons who are not actually beggars by profession but sometimes receive occasional assistance from some people shall be allowed pensions if they are otherwise eligible and the sanctioning authority satisfies himself that they are destitutes.

**திரு. எம். சுப்பையா செட்டியார் :** உண்மையாகப் பாதிக்கப் பட்டவர்களுக்கு இது கொடுக்கப்படாவிட்டால், அவர்கள் யாருக்கு அப்பீல் செய்து அதைப் பெறமுடியும் ?

**கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் :** இது ரெவின்யூ இலாகாவில் கண்காணிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. அதனால் அப்பீல் செய்வதென்றால் கலெக்டருக்கு அனுப்பவேண்டும்.

*Grant to aided elementary schools*

10-15 a.m. * 163 *Q.*—Sri M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received about the delay in the disbursement of grants to aided elementary schools in panchayat areas after the coming into force of the Panchayats Act, and